

Observation FAQs

1. Can I observe a speech-language pathologist outside of the Flagstaff area?

Yes, as long as the supervisor (person you will observe) has the ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) in either speech or audiology. If you do observe someone who is *not* on the roster, you must submit three additional items, (1) Letter of Agreement, (2) Letter of Confirmation and (3) Xerox Copy of the supervisor's current ASHA membership card with the ASHA certification number.

A. Letter of Agreement. The letter of agreement is submitted by your supervisor (on letterhead from the supervisor's place of work) *prior* to your observations. The purpose of the letter of agreement is to establish an understanding between you and the supervisor regarding what the observation experience will entail in terms of (a) hours to be obtained, (b) who to contact with questions and (c) responsibilities for maintaining observation paperwork, such as logging hours, etc. It is important to note that the Letter of Agreement is not a contract. Rather, it is an indication of what your supervisor *expects* your observation experience will be.

B. Letter of Confirmation. The Letter of Confirmation is written as follow-up to your observation experience.

2. How do I count hours when I'm observing group therapy.

Whether you are observing children or adults, chose one client you will focus on for your report and record your observations relative to that one client (although you should indicate that s/he was in a group) and count only the amount of time you observed *that* client.